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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date May 13, 2004

In re the Application of

Osamu TANITSU et al.

Group Art Unit: 2851

Application No.: 09/994,861

Examiner: Alan A. Mathews

Filed: November 28, 2001

Docket No.: 111221

For: **ILLUMINATION OPTICAL APPARATUS AND EXPOSURE APPARATUS
PROVIDED WITH ILLUMINATION OPTICAL APPARATUS**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)
AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

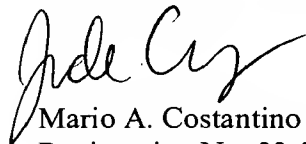
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Continuing Application based on the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period for response having expired on March 17, 2004, an extension of time for a period of 2 months is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 154055 in the amount of \$ 420 pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17.

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